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SUMMARY: SEMINAR CONCLUDED AS SCHEDULED 19 AUGUST WITH
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETINGS TO FOLLOW 20-21 AUGUST.

UK REP SAYS UK PROPOSALS TO 1977 ITU BROADCASTING SATELLITE

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CONFERENCE WILL CONTAIN WORLDWIDE PLAN BUT THE UK WILL NOT

INSIST ON SAME SHOULD REGION 2 OPT TO GO OWN WAY. SIDE
TRIP TO MEXICO CITY POSPONED. END SUMMARY.

1. CITEL SATELLITE BROADCASTING SEMINAR CONCLUDED 19
AUGUST, WITH EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION OF REGION 1 VIEWS AND
EFFECTIVE QUESTIONING BY U.S. AND OTHERS SERVING TO BRING OUT
WEAKNESSES OF A PRIORI APPROACH FOR ITU REGION 2 (WESTERN
HEMISPHERE).

2. S.R. TEMPLE (UK) VOCIFEROUS PROPONENT OF REGION 1
VIEWS, LECTURED 18 AUGUST ON "TERRESTRIAL SERVICES SHARING
THE 12 GHZ BAND WITH THE BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICES."
TEMPLE ASSERTED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT/
ORBITAL POSITION PLAN, FIXED SATELLITE SERVICE WOULD
DEVELOPE FASTER THAN BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICE AND
WOULD SQUEEZE LATTER OUT OF 12 GHZ BAND IN REGION 2.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, TEMPLE STATED THAT UK PROPOSALS
TO ITU BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE WOULD INCLUDE
WORLD PLAN, BUT THAT IF REGION 2 CHOSE TO GO OWN (EVOLUTIONARY)
WAY, UK WOULD NOT OBJECT. HE DID VOICE OPPOSITION TO
"REGIONALIZATION" (CAPITAL R) OF ORBIT. TEMPLE EMPHASIZED
UK/EUROPEAN DESIRE FOR WORKABLE CONFERENCE RESULTS. HE
THOUGHT FIRST WEEK OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO
REACHING DECISION IN PLENARY BETWEEN WORLDWIDE AND REGIONAL
APPROACH.

4. CANADIAN/MEXICAN/U.S. MEETING 18 AUGUST TOUCHED UPON
RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO BROADCASTING SATELLITES.
TALKS SERVED AS USEFUL BEGINNING IN IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS
OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT.

5. IN CONTRAST TO GENERAL SIMILARITY OF VIEWS, CANADIAN/U.S.
DISAGREEMENT EVIDENT OVER PROVISION IN CANADIAN PROPOSALS FOR
DIVISION OF APPLICABLE ORBIT INTO FOUR SEGMENTS WITH
ALTERNATE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STATUS FOR BROADCASTING
SATELLITE SERVICE AND FIXED SATELLITE SERVICE. CANADIAN
PROPOSALS, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL WITHIN GOC,
ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED AT GOVERNMENT-TO GOVERNMENT MEETING.

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6. MEXICANS SEEMED ATTRACTED BY CANADIAN APPROACH, BUT INITIAL
IMPRESSION IS THAT MEXICO MAY SETTLE FOR ANY ARRANGEMENT UNDER
WHICH IT WOULD BE ASSURED THAT ITS REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MET
(6 TO 8 TV CHANNELS MENTIONED). IMPORTANTLY, MEXICANS STATED
THEY WOULD, UPON RETURN HOME, RE-EXAMINE NEED TO PLACE
TERRESTRIAL SERVICES IN 11.7 - 12.2 GHZ BAND.

7. UNFORTUNATELY DUE PRIMARILY TO LATER-THAN-EXPECTED

RETURN OF MEXICAN DELEGATION TO MEXICO CITY, AGREEMENT WAS
REACHED TO POSTPONE CANADIAN/MEXICAN/U.S. TALKS THERE TO
LATER DATE, POSSIBLY OCTOBER.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY MEXICO CITY REQUESTED CANCEL
HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED ANDERSON/STEINMETZ TELCON 13
AUGUST, EXCEPT THAT FOR MCNAUGHTEN/FCC, WHO STOPPING OVER IN
MEXICO CITY FOR DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS. TCO MAY WISH
CONFIRM FOREGOING TO OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
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